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Dear Friend,

I would like to invite you to my upcoming town hall meeting on April 10th in Los Alamitos.

Additionally, I am hosting my Second Annual Women's Conference, in conjunction with Cal State Fullerton's Women and Philanthropy Network at CSUF's Titan Student Union Center on Saturday, March 27, 2010 (see map).

Lisa Ling will provide the keynote address for the conference. Lisa is probably best known for her roles as former co-host of The View television show, host of National Geographic Explorer and special correspondent for The Oprah Winfrey Show, which has featured many of Ling's investigative pieces, including a report on North Korea.

The Women's Conference will include the following breakout seminars:

- "Stress Management: Achieving the Work/Life Balance"
- "Financial Literacy 1.0: Beginners Guide to Money Management"
- "Financial Literacy 2.0: Make Your Retirement Work for You"
- "Eating Right to Look and Feel Your Best: A Woman's Guide to Nutrition"
- "Keeping up With the 21st Century Digital Kids"

To RSVP for the Women's Conference fill out an electronic form at www.royce.house.gov/womensconference.

Looking forward to seeing you at my town hall.

Sincerely,

Ed



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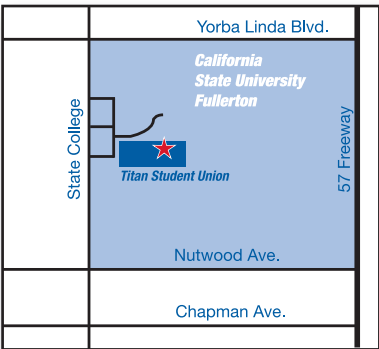
Women's Conference

Saturday, March 27th

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cal State Fullerton - Titan Student Union Center
800 North State College Blvd. Fullerton, CA 92834

To RSVP go online to www.royce.house.gov and click on 'Women's Conference' and then fill out the RSVP form.



Coming Event

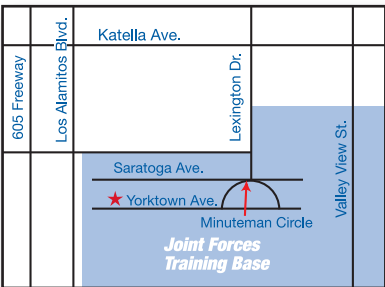
An opportunity to discuss constituent issues

Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, April 10th

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base
4111 Yorktown Ave, Bldg. 6, Ste. 104
Los Alamitos, CA 90720



Ed Royce listened to the keynote address at Royce's First Annual Women's Conference held at Chapman University in Orange. Over 300 women attended the half-day seminar including his wife Marie.



Rep. Royce presented a certificate of recognition to Lisa Wolter (Executive Director) and Dr. Chris Tannous (President), from the Orange County Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. He had an opportunity to discuss breast cancer legislation with the participants and his wife Marie.

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HEALTHCARE UPDATE

Last year the leadership in the House and Senate passed separate healthcare bills. Representative Royce joined in the bipartisan opposition to these bills because he does not believe that a massive new trillion-dollar government program, administered from Washington, can both lower costs and maintain the excellence of our health care system.

Representative Royce held over 24 events and spoke with thousands of constituents in Orange County on the issue. He is concerned about rising health care costs and is committed to working for several changes to the existing system that would lower costs across the board and increase availability, without adding to the federal debt or raising taxes, including these reforms:

Medical liability reform. According to the American Medical Association, we spend roughly \$200 billion every year in additional healthcare costs because of the unnecessary medical tests conducted to avoid frivolous lawsuits. Royce supported an amendment to the House legislation that would have reduced defensive medicine costs and brought down healthcare costs across the board, but it was rejected.

Small business buying pools. Small businesses find it more expensive to offer coverage to their employees. Royce supports allowing small business owners to join buying pools which can reduce the cost of health insurance. According to the National Small Business Association, such a plan would reduce costs by as much as 12 percent and reduce the number of the uninsured by one million.

Allow insurance to be sold across state lines. Several states have little or no competition among insurance providers. By allowing those seeking coverage to access a national market, we will see an increase in availability, and a decrease in costs.

Out of Control Spending in Washington Must Stop

We have a national debt of over \$12 trillion. This debt will cost taxpayers several hundred billion dollars in interest alone this year, and will saddle our children with an even larger burden for generations to come. The current share of the debt is \$40,053 for every man, woman, and child in the U.S.

Ed Royce has voted against the bailouts, the ineffective "stimulus" packages, and the effort to put Washington at the center of our healthcare system. No government in the history of civilization has amassed such a debt in such a short amount of time. It is far past time we limit government expansion and push for fiscal responsibility.

This is why **Royce voted against increasing the debt limit by \$1.9 trillion.** This is the third increase since February 2009, and the largest one-time debt limit increase in history.

Rising debt threatens the economic future of our nation. Washington needs to change its approach to government and make tougher budget decisions to ward off rising debt.



"It is irresponsible to increase the debt ceiling if you don't do something to address what is driving the increase – which is out of control spending," said Royce on his recent CNBC interview with Erin Burnett.



Ed Royce greets constituents in Garden Grove prior to one of his eight town halls and open forums held this year to discuss healthcare reform.

Royce Legislation to Increase Lending and Job Creation

As the current economic downturn has dragged on, many financial institutions have scaled back their lending activities. Recent news headlines have noted that last year U.S. financial institutions posted their sharpest decline in lending since 1942; almost 7 decades.

Because of this severe contraction, individuals, charity organizations and small businesses are now, more than ever, looking for affordable access to credit. **That is why Royce has coauthored H.R. 3380, the Promoting Lending to America's Small Businesses Act. If Congress acts quickly and passes this legislation credit unions could lend an additional \$10 billion to small businesses this year. According to economists, that would in turn help create more than 100,000 new jobs.**

By raising an existing cap that has limited credit union member business lending our legislation would more than double the amount that credit unions can lend to small businesses. Credit unions have safely lent to their business-owning members for a century. Granting them greater access to this market will increase competition and efficiency in the area of small business loans.

Considering our nation's mounting debt, Congress needs to find inexpensive solutions that will encourage economic growth. The Promoting Lending to America's Small Businesses Act will go a long way to provide much needed financing for small businesses at no expense to the American taxpayers.

Taxpayer Watchdog Group Names Rep. Ed Royce a "Taxpayer Hero" Scores 98 Percent on CCAGW's Ratings

The Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) honored Rep. Ed Royce as a Taxpayer Hero for scoring 98 percent on its annual ratings. The average for the entire House of Representatives was 35 percent, and the average for the Senate was 38 percent. Since 1989, CCAGW has tracked roll call votes to separate the taxpayer advocates from those who favor wasteful programs and pork-barrel spending.

"Rep. Royce put the interests of taxpayers ahead of partisanship by consistently voting to cut wasteful spending, reduce the tax burden, and make government more accountable to taxpayers," said CCAGW President Tom Schatz. "The 2008 Congressional Ratings show that many government officials continue to demonstrate little regard for the harmful effect a large and cumbersome federal government has on taxpayers' wallets. Out-of-control spending reigned over Capitol Hill, leading to a record \$1.6 trillion deficit in fiscal year 2009, and an \$11.8 trillion national debt. Rep. Royce's votes give taxpayers hope for the future."



Representative Royce talks with constituents at a town meeting at Orange High School about recent developments in Washington.



Royce is congratulated by Orange Mayor Carolyn Cavecche for his efforts to protect the community especially its most vulnerable members, women and children, with his anti-stalking legislation and his support for victim's rights. He received the "Community Champion" award from the Community Foundation of Orange.

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Cry for the U.S., Argentina

Thus far, the performance of this administration (and the Leadership that has controlled Congress for the past three years) has shown little desire to rein in spending and the soaring deficits that have followed.

Proof of this reality came when the executive branch released its budget proposal. This nearly \$4 trillion budget spends more than any other in history.

Potentially the most relevant example of the devastation that comes from bloated government and excessive debt is Argentina. During the 1940s the role of government changed markedly; bureaucracy swelled exponentially, sector after sector came under government control, and the broader economy became centered around the political pull in Buenos Aires, the capital. After years of this approach, inflation spun out of control reaching 3000 percent.

While aspects like the size and scope of our economy differentiates us from Argentina, **Washington can heed several lessons. Most importantly: a government focused on high taxes, uncontrollable deficits, overregulation and a vastly swollen bureaucracy does not work. It will stifle private-sector growth and ingenuity in the near term and may lead to an economic disaster down the road.**

Our country was made great by our once-strong market-based economy, underpinned by an American character rooted in individual initiative, entrepreneurship and opportunity. Until Washington's policies recognize this critical reality, we run the risk of repeating the mistakes made in Argentina.

This is an excerpt of an editorial by Ed Royce which appeared in the *Orange County Register*.

Defund ACORN

Late last year while much of Washington was discussing healthcare reform and a second hundred billion dollar stimulus package, an important funding ban expired. In late December a provision that kept taxpayers from funding ACORN, the radical activist organization, lapsed without much fanfare.

Despite our continuous calls for a full and thorough investigation from the Justice Department, ACORN's allies in Congress continue to look for ways to funnel money to the group.

For years ACORN has undermined the rule of law in an effort to change the makeup of our electoral system. Cases of voter fraud are rampant throughout the country. ACORN was investigated in 14 states for irregularities. In Florida, 11 of ACORN employees were accused by prosecutors of falsifying information on 888 voter registration forms. In Las Vegas, ACORN's former field director admitted that 48 percent of the voter registration forms the group turned in were "clearly fraudulent." Believe it or not, the list goes on.

The group also specializes in influencing public policy. ACORN, who had a financial interest in the mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac growing at unsustainable rates, was eager to prevent strong reform.

They worked vigorously to defeat legislation Royce and others brought to the House floor to fix the problem by allowing the federal government to regulate Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac for systemic risk by limiting their over leveraging. With potential taxpayer losses from Fannie and Freddie likely to reach upwards of one trillion dollars, it is unfortunate that ACORN won that fight causing Fannie and Freddie to fail.

Going forward Congress must take steps to (1) completely defund this radical organization to ensure not a single taxpayer dollar goes to this group, and (2) fully understand the extent to which they continue to undermine our electoral process.

U.S. Military Service Academy Information For Students

Learn more about West Point, Annapolis, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, and Air Force

Each year Royce has the privilege of nominating young men and women of high potential to our nation's military service academies. The military service academies offer an excellent education and a great opportunity for qualified students. The appointment process is very detailed, highly selective and based on a candidate's academic achievement, athletic ability, extra-curricular activities and community service.

We are lucky here in Orange County to have many of the nation's best and brightest students. That is why it is important to make sure all those who are interested in being nominated have all the information they need to compete for admission.

On March 15, 2010 Royce will host a Formal Academy Night at Buena Park City Hall – City Council Chambers, located at 6650 Beach Blvd. in Buena Park. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. This meeting is vital for those interested in attending West Point, Annapolis, the Coast Guard Academy, the Merchant Marine Academy, or the Air Force Academy.

Additionally, all interested students are encouraged to attend a series of four informational meetings about the U.S. Military Service Academies; each meeting will cover a different aspect of the highly competitive process. The meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Orange office located at 1110 E. Chapman Ave., Suite 207 in Orange. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. Subsequent meetings will be held on June 23rd, September 8th and October 6th.

All interested persons are invited to attend the service academy nights, however, only residents of the 40th Congressional District can be considered for nomination. Interested students should contact Patty Shay at (714) 744-4130 for information about these meetings or to learn more about the academies.

Recently, Royce had an opportunity to tour the US Naval Academy in Annapolis and sit down with eight Orange County appointees to discuss their goals and future careers.



Royce meets with his academy appointments at the US Naval Academy. From left to right: Plebe Midshipman Daniel Roberts, Royce, 2nd Class Midshipman Michael Ramsey, 3rd Class Midshipman Andrew Ahn, Plebe Midshipman Keegan Condon, Plebe Midshipman Erich Schwamb, Firstie Burch Thornley, Firstie Jeremy Glass, 3rd Class Midshipman Kasey Condon

District Happenings

It has certainly been a busy time in Orange County, with public service groups, educational institutions, seniors, service members young and old and youth groups all very active in the community.



Students from Fullerton's Rosary High School had an opportunity to hear first-hand about important issues facing our nation on a tour of the Capitol.



Hundreds attend Royce's Combat Fraud Forum in Buena Park to get information on identity theft, mortgage loans and lending, investment scams, and charity fraud.

Constituents pack Fullerton City Hall for Royce's Town Hall Meeting.



Constituents raise questions on the federal deficit and healthcare legislation at Royce's Town Hall Meeting in Cypress.



Representative Royce hosts an art exhibit to display entries for the 2009 Congressional Art Competition.



Royce discusses the latest technology in heart valve replacement and its role in healthcare at Edwards Lifesciences.

